



United States  
National Commission on  
Libraries and Information Science

**DRAFT**  
**MINUTES**  
**NCLIS MEETING**  
**APRIL 13 - 14, 1992**

**MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Shirley Gray Adamovich (Commissioner-Designee); Daniel W. Casey, Carol K. DiPrete, Wanda L. Forbes; Norman Kelson; Ben-Chieh Liu; Jed Lyons; Jerald C. Newman; Charles E. Reid; Kay W. Riddle; Barbara J. H. Taylor; Elinor H. Swaim, Vice Chair; Julia Li Wu; and J. Michael Farrell, NCLIS Chairman, Presiding

**NCLIS STAFF  
PRESENT**

Peter R. Young, Executive Director; Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar, Associate Executive Director; John G. Lorenz, Coordinator, Library Statistics Program; Jane Williams, Research Associate; Barbara Whiteleather, Assistant to the Director and Recording Secretary

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Donald J. Cianto; Eileen Cooke, ALA Washington Office; Jean Curtis, Council on the Public Service; Elinor Hashim (NCLIS Chairman Emeritus) OCLC Government Relations Officer; Jane Kolbe, COSLA; Peyton Neal, IIA; Gerald J. Sophar, ASIS

Monday, April 13, 1992

## **OPENING COMMENTS**

Chairman J. Michael Farrell noted that a quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Farrell expressed his appreciation to President Bush for the trust shown in appointing him as Chair of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. The appointment was effective March 11, 1992.

Commissioner-Designee Shirley Gray Adamovich was introduced and welcomed to the National Commission. Mrs. Adamovich briefed the Members on her background and stated how pleased she is with her nomination and hopes for a speedy confirmation. Mrs. Adamovich's 40 years of work experience include teacher, proposal writer, and librarian. Mrs. Adamovich currently directs New Hampshire's Department of Cultural Affairs. She stated proudly, "I am New England, born and raised."

Commissioner Wu announced her appointment to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. The 16-member board is responsible for determining policy for California's Community College System. Commissioners congratulated Mrs. Wu on her appointment to the prestigious Board.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MOTION**

**Carol DiPrete moved and Julia Wu seconded that the minutes of the NCLIS meeting held January 9 and 10, 1992, be approved as submitted.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**Since early March, Chairman Farrell's major activities included:**

- *NCLIS Open Forum on Implementation of WHCLIS***

***Recommendations* -- Chairman Farrell briefly reported on the NCLIS open forum on the WHCLIS recommendations held on March 10, 1992. The open forum was moderated by J. Michael Farrell. After hearing the testimony of 27 representatives, Chairman Farrell stated, "The open forum proved to be an excellent example of public participation, and it was one of the more impressive and substantive events I've been involved with on the Commission." It was noted that eight ALA sections or divisions -- representing diverse interests -- presented testimony. Copies of the second draft of the open forum testimony were distributed to Members. This document includes both the verbal statements presented at the forum and written statements submitted following the forum.**

After analyzing the testimony, staff determined the first two priority recommendations to be: (1) Omnibus Children and Youth Literacy Through Libraries Act; and (2) National Research and Education Network (NREN) available in all libraries and other information repositories at all levels. NREN governance structure must include education at all levels and all libraries.

Because Congress has passed P.L. 102-94 which includes a title on NREN and because legislation for the Omnibus Children and Youth Literacy initiative has not yet been introduced, Chairman Farrell determined that NREN should be NCLIS' first priority in 1992 and that NCLIS should play a significant role in the implementation of NREN as it relates to libraries and information services.

On March 30, 1992, Chairman Farrell met with Dr. Eugene Wong, Office of Science and Technology Policy, to discuss NCLIS' interest in OSTP's plans for coordinating the implementation of the National Research and Development Network (NREN) as established in P.L. 102-94.

Chairman Farrell also met with Dr. Diane Ravitch, Assistant Secretary, Office of Education and Research Improvement, Department of Education, to discuss NCLIS' interest and role in OERI's plans for developing SMARTLINE, a system for network dissemination of educational research results.

Chairman Farrell reminded the Commissioners, "the emphasis of NCLIS is on library and information concerns."

It was noted that even though the forum was widely publicized, no witness was present to testify on behalf of library and information services for Native Americans. However, written testimony was received before the deadline (March 31, 1992). Commissioner Wu expressed her disappointment that testimony was not invited from national academic organizations, e.g., the American Community College Trustees, American Association of Junior Colleges, Association of Governing Boards.

A final transcript is planned which will include all written statements accompanying the oral testimony and all information submitted in writing. It was determined by consensus that enough copies should be printed to allow distribution to: (a) speakers and those who submitted written statements; (b) presidents and/or executive directors of national organizations providing oral and/or written statements; (c) NCLIS Commissioners; (d) Members, White House Conference Advisory Committee; (e) selected Executive Branch officials and departments; (f) Congress -- selected members and staff; (g) all Chief Officers of State Library Agencies including D.C. and territorial librarians; (h) all State Superintendents of Education, including D.C. and the Territories; (i) graduate schools of library and information services; (j) library and information press; and (k) depository libraries. In an attempt to have the report to GPO for publication by the first week in May, a two-week deadline was given

for Commissioner comments on the transcript distributed at the meeting and for suggestions for other individuals/groups to whom this report should be sent. Chairman Farrell stated and he and Peter Young would prepare the introduction/preface for the transcript.

• ***AMERICA 2000***

Chairman Farrell met with Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander to raise an issue of concern to many: the fact that *AMERICA 2000*, an *Education Strategy*, does not specifically mention or address the role of libraries in the national education reform plan. Chairman Farrell noted that Secretary Lamar stated that "NCLIS has an open door to the Secretary's office."

• ***ALA/WHCLIST/COSLA***

The week of April 6 was National Library Week. Chairman Farrell spoke at various ALA, WHCLIST, and COSLA meetings held in Washington, D.C.

• ***The Role of NCLIS***

In Chairman Farrell's opinion, NCLIS should be actively carrying out its primary role of "advising the President and the Congress on the implementation of national policy by such statements, presentations,

and reports as it deems appropriate," as stated in P.L. 91-345. Chairman Farrell stressed that NCLIS should be more visible by testifying at congressional committee hearings. Chairman Farrell asked: "How can we be assured that NCLIS' emphases appear in the international and global communities? Is there a role for NCLIS in making available information contained in KGB documents recently released from the former Soviet Union? What is NCLIS' role with Headstart and with the Commission on Children?" Chairman Farrell stated that he sees NCLIS in the unique position of addressing these concerns in the future.

***• FY 1993 NCLIS Appropriation Hearing***

On April 6, 1992, Chairman Farrell, accompanied by Vice Chair Swaim, testified before Chairman William Natcher, House Appropriations Subcommittee, on behalf of NCLIS' FY 1993 request. Chairman Farrell noted that Mr. Natcher's questions were not received before the hearing. Mr. Natcher complimented Chairman Farrell on a good hearing. Also, off the record, Mr. Natcher discussed LSCA Federal support for libraries with Chairman Farrell. In addition, Mr. Natcher questioned Chairman Farrell about problems with the WHCLIS budget. Chairman Farrell responded that full accounting information would be provided at the conclusion of the audit.

• *NCLIS Special Achievement Award*

The NCLIS Special Achievement Award was presented to Mr. John Y. Cole, Director, The Center for the Book, by Chairman Farrell and Mrs. Swaim, Chair, Recognition Committee, on Tuesday, April 6 at The Center for the Book's reception at the Library of Congress. Mr. Cole received the award in recognition of his strong and spirited leadership as The Center's Director.

• *NCLIS Publications*

Chairman Farrell stated the importance for NCLIS to quickly publish (subject to the availability of funds) the proceedings and submitted statements of the open forum; the final report of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services; and the NCLIS report to the President and Congress on Library and Information Services for Native Americans.

## **FY 1992 SPENDING PLAN**

The NCLIS FY 1992 Spending Plan, dated April 9, 1992, was distributed.

In response to questions concerning the office environmental analysis, Mr. Young stated that GSA is being requested to cover the costs for the various tests. However, he pointed out, GSA has not



been very responsive in this regard nor particularly helpful in locating office space for NCLIS relocation.

## **MOTION**

**Jerald Newman moved and Ben-Chieh Liu seconded that the NCLIS FY 1992 Spending Plan be adopted as submitted.**

The motion carried; Commissioner Charles E. Reid abstained.

## **RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Swaim, Chair, NCLIS Recognition Committee, recommended that the NCLIS Special Recognition Award be in the form of an engraved plaque rather than the costly Steuben glass bowl, which has been the practice since the program began in 1987.

## **MOTION**

**Jerald Newman moved and Daniel Casey seconded to accept the Recognition Committee's recommendation to present engraved plaques to NCLIS award recipients rather than the Steuben glass bowls.**

The motion carried unanimously.

Staff will immediately prepare a press release seeking nominations for next year's award(s).

In addition Mr. Cole's award, on behalf of the Commission Charles Reid presented a Special Achievement Award to Joseph J. Fitzsimmons, Vice President, University Microfilms International, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on February 24, 1992, at the Information Industry Association's Senior Management Symposium, Phoenix, AZ. The award was presented to Mr. Fitzsimmons in grateful appreciation for his participation and dedication as Vice Chairman of the 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services (WHCLIS); for his service on the WHCLIS Advisory Committee; and for his promotion and understanding of the crucial role of private enterprise in supporting access to information for the citizens of the United States and to peoples of all nations.

## **Role of NCLIS Committees**

Chairman Farrell announced his plans to change the existing NCLIS committees. He called for NCLIS Members to become pro-active through the committee structure. Further, Chairman Farrell urged that the committees not only be active but work together focusing on specific program areas. Chairman Farrell stated, "NCLIS must focus its energies on making a difference and must determine its programs and priorities in areas where it will have a direct impact."

Toward these goals, the Legislative Committee will be responsible for: (1) identifying national legislation and Federal agency policies related to libraries and information services which warrant special NCLIS attention; (2) proposing NCLIS testimony before appropriate Congressional hearings; and (3) determining the appropriateness of an NCLIS open forum to hear views on the relation of libraries and information services to NREN. Commissioner DiPrete suggested that NCLIS develop liaison with groups who are or will be drafting proposed language for legislation/bills, e.g., follow-up of the 95 WHCLIS recommendations.

The Public Affairs Committee will be responsible for heightening NCLIS' visibility and promoting a general public awareness of the need funding for library and information services.

The Recognition Committee is responsible for getting the Commission's name before the public. In addition, the Committee should determine if the award should be given internationally as well as nationally.

When the new committees are announced, the committee chairs will be asked to outline the responsibilities and charges for their committees.

## **HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING ACT**

The Commission again discussed the importance of the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991, P.L. 102-194, an act to provide for a coordinated Federal program to ensure continued United States leadership in high-performance computing (aka NREN). Mr. Young cited the findings contained in the Public Law.

After a lengthy discussion, the Commission suggested the Chairman send a letter to Dr. Eugene Wong, OSTP, reiterating NCLIS' interest in participating substantively in the implementation of NREN and in participating in the evolution of a National Information Infrastructure. The letter will also reiterate the suggestion that NCLIS be a member or observer to the High-Performance Computing Advisory Committee. Finally, the letter will state that with OSTP's approval, NCLIS will plan and conduct an open forum for the purpose of assisting in the development of the report to Congress required by law, which is due in December 1992.

## **MOTION**

**Ben-Chieh Liu moved and Julia Wu seconded to direct the NCLIS Chair to send a letter to Dr. Eugene Wong, Office of Science and Technology Policy, stating NCLIS' concerns as outlined above.**

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 14, 1992**

Chairman Farrell called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., stating that yesterday's meeting proved to be a good, productive session.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**International Committee --** Commissioner Wu outlined the Committee's plans to date:

(1) **Glenerin Declaration Meeting.** The meeting has been scheduled for June 15-16, 1992, in Washington, D.C., and will include representatives from U.S., Canada, and Great Britain. The purposes of the conference will be to: (a) discuss issues inherent in the Glenerin Declaration; (b) identify national programs relating to these issues since the last Glenerin meeting; and (c) plan for future developments concerning a coordinated policy agenda in response to the changing role of information in the economy. The Committee is pursuing the possibility that U.S. business/industry representatives will finance future trilateral meetings on this topic. A total of \$3,000 has been approved in the 1992 Spending Plan for this meeting.

Chairman Farrell will contact appropriate State Department and/or Embassy officials regarding the possibility of receptions during the Glenerin Meeting.

(2) IFLA. Two delegates will be appointed by Chairman Farrell to represent NCLIS at the IFLA Annual Conference in New Delhi in 1992.

(3) Taiwan Conference. Planning is underway for a bilateral symposium between the U.S. and Taiwan involving professionals from the library and information industry. Current plans call for the conference to be held this summer and hosted by Taiwanese educational institutions. Chairman Farrell announced that a final decision will be made on holding the conference upon receipt of the official invitation and subsequent approval and clearance by the Department of State and Department of Education's General Counsel.

(4) Independent International School Librarians Organization. Commissioner Wu recommended that NCLIS become an involved member of the independent Society of School Librarians International.

Commissioner Reid referred to the passage of NCLIS' technical amendments authorizing increased international activity, and stated that NCLIS must define its role in the international arena, including mission/goals/purposes and policies. He questioned, in particular, NCLIS' role in IFLA: Does NCLIS have a role at IFLA or are we strictly observers? In order to have a substantive role, it would be necessary to have continuity in NCLIS representation at IFLA.

## **Legislative and Information Policies Committee --**

Commissioner DiPrete, Chair, Legislative and Information Policies Committee, reported that the Committee has not met since the White House Conference last July.

Further, the Committee Chair stated that the Committee is in need of policy direction. However, the Committee will begin working closely with the staff in scanning selective legislative documents for hearing and testimony opportunities appropriate for NCLIS participation. Suggested targets for Committee work include: the Education SMARTLINE issue; hearings on NREN; impact of LSCA funding: HEA funding (Title II, A, B, C, and D); and GPO WINDO.

**Library Statistics Committee.** Commissioner DiPrete, Chair, Library Statistics Committee, reported that the FSCS steering committee meeting held in March 1992 in Washington, D.C. was very successful. Commissioner DiPrete commended John Lorenz, Coordinator, Library Statistics Program, and stated, "The statistics project is moving forward very nicely, and the Commission should feel pleased and proud of the Library Statistics Program."

Dr. Liu stated, "If we are going to be recognized for the work of the Library Statistics Program, we should advertise to the statistics professional societies the work we have done. This is an incentive for Commissioners who are engaged in related activities without cost to the Commission and the benefits would be substantial." Chairman Farrell reminded Commissioners that they speak on behalf of the

Commission only after the Commission as a whole has adopted a role or taken a stand.

**Public Affairs Committee.** Commissioner Daniel Casey, Chair, Public Affairs Committee, stated the Committee's disappointment that funds are not available in 1992 to publish an NCLIS newsletter or to hire a public affairs consultant, as previously recommended. Because there are not sufficient funds in the NCLIS gift account to purchase NCLIS logo pins, Commissioner Reid reminded the Commission of his earlier offer to personally fund the initial run of the pins.

The Public Affairs Committee recommended:

- More extensive coverage and reporting on international activities, e.g., NCLIS delegation at IFLA and the upcoming Glenerin Conference.
- Alerting library and non-library groups and organizations to the availability of NCLIS Commissioners as speakers, panelists, etc.
- Urging the Chairman to name a Commissioner to serve on the NREN Advisory Committee.
- Monitoring of Congressional hearings and records relating to library and information services and cultural affairs, literacy



programs and, in turn, automatically notifying interested parties who may wish to personally monitor the hearing.

- Wrapping up the preparation of the *NCLIS Annual Report, 1990-1991*. Commissioners were reminded -- if they have not already done so -- to send a recent photo for inclusion in the Report.

The Committee Chair reported that the Committee plans to begin focusing attention on the implementation of the WHCLIS recommendations at the June Commission meeting. Plans call for initiating contacts with the various advocates and encouraging their active participation in implementing the recommendations.

Commissioner Casey reported that there were 140 attendees at the WHCLIST Annual Meeting representing 40+ States and territories held April 4-6, 1992. Chairman Farrell addressed the group, and remarks were presented by Commissioner Reid. Commissioner Casey served on a Advocacy Workshop Panel on the topic "WHCLIST and Legislators." Commissioner Reid received the Citizen of the Year Award, and Mrs. Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar received a Special Award.

**Special Populations Committee, Ad Hoc Committee on Library and Information Services for Native Americans.** Vice Chair Swaim, Chair, Committee on L/IS for Native Americans, praised Mr. Frank Stevens, OERI, for his Committee work and stated that she was pleased that he remains assigned to the project.

Mrs. Swaim also thanked Mrs. Reszetar for getting the WHCLIS recommendations before the White House Conference on Indian Education at which the relevant WHCLIS recommendations were unanimously endorsed.

Mrs. Swaim anticipates that the first draft of the Committee's brief 30-page report, being jointly written by Elinor Swaim, Peter Young and Frank Stevens, will be available at the NCLIS June meeting. Mrs. Swaim indicated that the Members of the Ad Hoc Committee would provide editorial review of the draft report. The Committee is seeking sponsors to cover the cost of printing the report. It was noted that the report is most timely inasmuch as 1992 is The Year of the Native Americans.

**Ad Hoc Committee on Education.** Commissioner Wanda Forbes, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Education, stated that in early years NCLIS' focus was on libraries and information services and education as evidenced by the NCLIS Task Force on the Role of the School Library Media Program and its subsequent report in 1978; the NCLIS/AASL Symposium, *"Information Literacy and Education for the 21st Century,"* held April 14-16, 1989; and the two White House Conferences on Library and Information Services. However, she noted, the press failed to sound the alarm on the problems of libraries and schools coming out of the Conferences. Commissioner Forbes also referred to the 1983 publication of *A Nation at Risk* which started the national school reform movement.

Commissioner Forbes called for stepped-up NCLIS involvement in K-12 and the national school reform movement, stating "School libraries are in very bad shape!" The Committee suggested NCLIS form a partnership with the Information Industry Association (IIA) and/or somehow connect with the Department of Education, Secretary Lamar Alexander, President Bush, First Lady Barbara Bush, etc., regarding a national campaign (perhaps including television) on the need for higher education training for teachers and librarians; support for school libraries; and the plight of today's school libraries.

#### **Ad Hoc Committee on WHCLIS Report**

Commissioner Lyons reported that, since becoming a Commissioner, he has learned that many people in Washington are not aware of the Commission; if they are aware, they do not know NCLIS' mission. Mr. Lyons stated his opinion that the most important thing would be for the Commission to raise the awareness for library funding. He noted that the Commission cannot take on too many tasks because of its small budget. Mr. Lyons suggested that if the Commission could raise its profile, it would be in a much better position to call for action for improved library funding.

## **ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION OF NCLIS' MOST PRESSING ROLE**

**Chairman Farrell** asked the Members: "How does NCLIS become a player in the library and information service community? How do we make contact with the people that vote? What should be the Commission's major role?"

**Commissioner DiPrete:** Develop a clearly defined mission statement.

**Vice Chair Swaim:** Have an influence and make an impact on the Administration's budget for libraries.

**Commissioner Kelson:** Heighten visibility and create an image, both of which depend on increased NCLIS funding.

**Commissioner Forbes:** NCLIS does not have to be concerned with only WHC recommendations. Work with outside agencies/organizations for funding, as was done when NCLIS, CLR, OCLC, and Gaylord jointly sponsored Information Literacy Symposium.

**Commissioner Reid:** (1) Establish a presence in various communities, including Congress and the Administration;

(2) improve reporting to both the President and Congress; (3) speak on behalf of libraries at the national level; (4) publish papers; and (5) get the press's attention! There is a definite need for an NCLIS retreat.

**Commission Liu:** Use a top-down approach and work on funding. Establish regional lobbyist/marketing liaisons. (Chairman Farrell reminded Commissioners that they may not lobby.) Improve professional association image. Publicize NCLIS' efforts.

**Commissioner Riddle:** Decide a focus/role for NCLIS in the library community. An NCLIS retreat is essential.

**Commissioner Casey:** The White House knows the National Commission, as was shown by the highest level participation possible at the White House Conference on Library and Information Services! We need a public relations person to help improve NCLIS' image throughout the nation. Need to expand role of the Public Affairs Committee and its programs.

**Commissioner Wu:** "I cannot believe we are unknown; we may not be well known." Funding should be the Commission's major thrust! Suggest establishing an NCLIS Committee to promote NCLIS and suggest means for raising funds. Look into the role of the library in vocational education. Promote libraries in adult education and technology. Can NCLIS tie in with special libraries (NIH; NEH) for grants in the library area?

**Commissioner Taylor:** Establish NCLIS as the policymaking body in the library and information service field, rather than the conduit of other's ideas. Expand NCLIS' parameters to influence legislation.

**Commissioner Newman:** Recurring themes -- more money; higher visibility! One serious problem is that, by the time new Commissioners have been brought up to speed, their terms are up. The Commission has -- at the most -- two years to take advantage of its high profile from WHCLIS II.

## **GPO PRESENTATION**

At the invitation of the Commission, Commissioners heard a presentation on *GPO/2001: Vision for a New Millennium* by Hon. Robert Houk, The Public Printer; Wayne Kelley, Assistant Public Printer for Superintendent of Documents; and Judy Russell, Director, Office of Information Dissemination Policies. In Mr. Houk's words, "GPO/2001 is a strategic vision aligning GPO with the new universe of opportunities made possible by the electronic information era. It recognizes the increasing interdependence of all stakeholders in the Government information community. It offers new opportunities for improving the cost, timeliness, and quality of information products and services to that community, and to the American taxpayer. And it reaffirms GPO's responsibility to continue serving as the *means of*

*acquiring* Government information products and services in the coming years, a responsibility well served by the men and women of GPO for the last 130 years."

The Commission applauded GPO on its foresight in the *Vision for a New Millennium* and offered its assistance. Mr. Houk thanked the Commission for being invited, stating that he considered it a privilege to appear before such a prestigious Commission.

## NCLIS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Farrell announced the new NCLIS committees and membership:

### Executive Committee

J. Michael Farrell, Chairman

Elinor H. Swaim, Vice Chairman

Daniel W. Casey, Member

Staff Liaison: Peter R. Young

### Budget and Finance Committee

Norman Kelson, Chair

Kay Riddle

Jerald Newman

**Education and Special Populations Committee**

Wanda Forbes, Chair

Ben-Chieh Liu

Elinor Swaim

Barbara Taylor

Julia Wu

**International Committee**

Julia Wu, Chair

Daniel Casey

Jerald Newman

Winston Tabb

**Legislative and Library Statistics Committee**

Carol DiPrete, Chair

Wanda Forbes

Ben-Chieh Liu

Kay Riddle

Winston Tabb

**Public Affairs Committee**

Jed Lyons, Chair

Shirley Adamovich (upon confirmation)

Carol DiPrete

Norman Kelson

Elinor Swaim

Julia Wu



### **Recognition Committee**

Elinor Swaim, Chair

Charles Reid

For the record the following ad hoc and sub committees were discharged:

Library and Information Services for Native Americans

(responsibility = Special Populations Committee)

Open Forum on WHC Recommendations

Final Report on WHCLIS (responsibility = Public Affairs)

NCLIS Retreat

Noting that he was appointed only to the Recognition Committee, Commissioner Reid asked the Chairman to reconsider his committee structure so as to better utilize Mr. Reid's knowledge and experience in the field of library and information services.

Committee Chairs were asked to draft statements on the role of their committees. The final statements will be presented at the NCLIS meeting June 1-2 in Dublin, Ohio.

By the end of the June Commission meeting, the Commission should have decided: (1) The role and charge for each NCLIS committee and their resulting accomplishments; and (2) the Commission's participation in NREN and SMARTLINE.

## **REPORT, IMMEDIATE PAST-CHAIRMAN CHARLES E. REID**

Immediate Past-Chairman Charles E. Reid briefly described NCLIS activities from the January NCLIS Meeting until March 11, 1992. Major activities included his participation in ALISE and ALA Mid-Winter Conference in San Antonio, January 22-30; IIA Symposium and presentation of Special Achievement Award to Joseph Fitzsimmons, February 25; FOLUSA Reception at White House in January; OmniGraphics conference in Florida in early March; Open Forum on March 10; WHCLIST meetings, April 4-6; National Library Week (April 6); attendee, NCLIS appropriation hearings, April 6; and Library of Congress/Center for the Book Reception, April 6.

Commissioner Reid thanked the Members and staff for their support during his two years as Chairman and extended his special appreciation for their hard work and support in preparation for the second White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

Chairman Farrell noted Mr. Reid's exemplary services to the National Commission and his ambitious work in preparation for the WHCLIS. Mr. Reid was thanked for "A job well done." The Members and staff applauded Mr. Reid for his tenure as NCLIS Chairman.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Public comments were made by Peyton Neal, IIA; and Gerald Sophar, ASIS.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.**

**April 28, 1992**